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The Honorable Richard Helms
The American Ambassador
Tehran, Iran

Dear Dick:

In trying to run down every possible involvement of ourselves with Watergate and Hunt, we found indications of the existence of twelve to fourteen sealed envelopes passed by Hunt to [redacted] or [redacted] during the period August-November 1971. We have attempted to trace these memoranda in-house without a great deal of success. Certainly two were from Hunt to [redacted] two may have been from Liddy via Hunt to the same addressee, all providing supporting data for the Ellsberg psychological assessment. One probably was a request for a name trace. The other seven to nine seem to have gone to Elizabeth. Can you give us some idea as to what they were about? If not, would you mind if we talk to Elizabeth about them?

Our concern here comes from Senator Baker's continued unease over what he seems to feel is some indication of CIA's relationship with the Watergate group. As you well know, we are convinced there was nothing of this nature, but we want to be able to answer any question about the above, which could well have been revealed by Hunt to Baker or his staff. We have met every one of Baker's specific items to date and believe that this is the only way to avoid difficulties over this frustrating subject.

Sorry to mess up your day with this, and I hope you will understand that we are just doing our homework.

Regards.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby
Director

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